

HOUSE FILE 2033

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Amend House File 2033 as follows:

1. Page 2, after line 4 by inserting:

<Sec. _____. Section 256.22, Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:

256.22 ~~Extended~~ Frontier school and extended year school grant program.

1. Subject to an appropriation of sufficient funds by the general assembly, the department shall establish an a frontier school and extended year school grant program to provide for the allocation of grants to school districts, or a collaboration of school districts, to provide technical assistance for conversion of an existing school to a frontier school or an extended school year calendar, or for investigating the possibility of converting an existing school within a district to a frontier school or an extended school year calendar. The school district or collaboration of school districts shall agree to appoint a planning committee composed of parents, guardians, teachers, administrators, and individuals representing business, and the local community. The school district or collaboration shall also indicate in its request its intention to use any grant moneys received under this section to examine, at a minimum, all of the following:

a. Mission and instructional focus of the school.

b. Organizational structure and management of the school.

c. Impact of labor agreements and contracts on the success of the school.

d. Roles and responsibilities of all involved constituencies.

e. Arrangements for special needs students.

f. Connection of the school to the district.

g. Facility and operation costs.

h. Measurement of results including student achievement results.

2. Grant moneys shall be distributed to qualifying school districts by the department no later than October 15, ~~1999~~ 2010. Grant amounts shall be distributed as determined by the department. Not more than fifteen of the grants awarded per year in accordance with this section shall be used for purposes of frontier school planning or conversion.

3. By February 15, ~~1999~~ 2011, a school district or collaboration of districts receiving moneys under this section shall submit an interim report to the department describing the planning activities conducted by the school district or the collaboration and providing preliminary conclusions. The school district

1 or collaboration shall submit a final report by June
2 1, ~~1999~~ 2011, to the department. The department shall
3 summarize the school district reports in a final report
4 to the ~~chairpersons and ranking members of the house~~
5 ~~and senate standing education committees general~~
6 ~~assembly~~ by January 1, ~~2000~~ 2012.

7 4. For purposes of this section, "*frontier*
8 *school*" means a school that is nonsectarian in its
9 program, admission policies, employment practices, and
10 all other operations. The school is a public school
11 and is part of the state's system of public education.
12 The primary focus of a frontier school shall be to
13 provide a comprehensive program of instruction for at
14 least one grade or age group from five through eighteen
15 years of age. Frontier schools may be designed to
16 allow significant autonomy to the schools. However,
17 frontier schools shall be accountable for significant
18 results.

19 5. Except as provided in this subsection, frontier
20 schools are exempt from all statutes and rules
21 applicable to a school, a school board, or a school
22 district, although a frontier school may elect to
23 comply with one or more provisions of statute or rule.
24 However, a frontier school shall meet all applicable
25 state and local health and safety requirements; the
26 frontier school shall be organized and operated as a
27 nonprofit cooperative association under chapter 498 or
28 nonprofit corporation under chapter 504; the provisions
29 of chapters 21 and 22 shall apply to meetings and
30 records of the frontier school board; and frontier
31 schools are subject to and shall comply with chapters
32 216 and 216A relating to civil and human rights, and
33 sections 275.55A, 279.9A, 280.17B, 280.21B, and 282.4,
34 relating to suspension and expulsion of a student. The
35 frontier school shall employ or contract with necessary
36 teachers, as defined in section 272.1, who hold a valid
37 license with an endorsement for the type of service for
38 which the teacher is employed. Frontier schools are
39 subject to the same financial audits, audit procedures,
40 and audit requirements as a school district. The
41 audits shall be consistent with the requirements of
42 sections 11.6, 11.14, 11.19, 256.9, subsection 19, and
43 section 279.29, except to the extent deviations are
44 necessary because of the program at the school. The
45 department, auditor of state, or the legislative fiscal
46 bureau may conduct financial, program, or compliance
47 audits. The provisions of chapter 20 shall not apply
48 to the board of directors of a frontier school or its
49 employees.

50 6. Notwithstanding section 8.33, unencumbered or

1 unobligated funds remaining on June 30 of the fiscal
2 year for which the funds were appropriated shall not
3 revert but shall be available for expenditure for the
4 following fiscal year for purposes of this section.>

5 2. Title page, line 2, after <schools,> by
6 inserting <the establishment of a frontier school or
7 extended year school grant program,>

8 3. By renumbering as necessary.

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